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This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2001,  
Applicants respectfully request consideration of the above-identified application in view of the  
following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

At page 1, at line 3 please insert:

B1

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--.

At page 1, at line 10 please insert:

B2

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

At page 1, please delete the fifth full paragraph commencing at line 15 and insert  
therefor:

--According to a first type of solution, the electrical connection of the metal cover to

ground which the metal substrate constitutes is formed independently of the mechanical fixing of  
the cover with respect to the substrate and to the electronics card. For example, the electrical

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